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AUVSI Study Finds Unmanned Aircraft Industry Poised to Create 70,000 New Jobs in the U.S. in Three

New Study Finds Enormous Job Creation Potential Following Integration of Unmanned Aircraft into the National A 12 March 2013

Today, AUVSI unveiled a new study, which finds that the unmanned aircraft industry is poised to create more than 70,000 new jobs in the U.S. in the first three years following the integration of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) into U.S. national airspace system (NAS). In the first three years, the study projects that more than 100,000 new jobs will be created by 2025.

"This is an incredibly exciting time for an industry developing technology that will benefit society, as well as the e CEO of AUVSI. "In recent years, unmanned aircraft technology has grown remarkably and is already proving use Integrating UAS into the national airspace will lead to new and expanded uses, which means the creation of quality jobs."

Specifically, the study finds:

- In the first three years following integration into the NAS, more than 70,000 new jobs will be created.
- In the first three years following integration, the total economic impact stemming from the integration is projected sustainably for the foreseeable future, cumulating in more than \$82.1 billion in impact between 2015 and 2025. It flows to manufacturers and suppliers from the sale of new products as well as the taxes and monies that flow into businesses.
- The study projects integration will lead to 103,776 new jobs nationally by 2025. Many of these jobs are portable favorable regulatory structures and infrastructure. Future events – such as the establishment of FAA Test Sites – these new jobs will flow.
- Additional economic benefit will be seen through tax revenue to the states, which will total more than \$482 million integration.
- Every year that integration is delayed, the United States loses more than \$10 billion in potential economic impact per day that UAS are not integrated into the NAS.

The complete study, including state-by-state breakdowns of economic impact projections, is available at <http://www.auxsi.org/research>

"While we project more than 100,000 new jobs by 2025, states that create favorable regulatory and business environment technology will likely siphon jobs away from states that do not," wrote the report's author, Darryl Jenkins, a past and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

Nationally, the precision agriculture industry is expected to be the largest market for UAS technology, the AUVSI s crops and distribute pesticides, which could not only help improve efficiency, but also reduce the total amount of reducing environmental impact. The public safety sector is another area that will benefit from the tremendous capability to help police and firefighters— who put themselves into harm's way every day to protect the community efficiently.

The report was commissioned by AUVSI and developed by Jenkins, an aviation industry economist with more than author of the Handbook of Airline Economics and previously served as the director of the Aviation Institute at Geo D.C.